

CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting of February 13, 2007
Montgomery Field Airport Lobby**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower).

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Tussey, Jim Barwick, Terry Price, Kristin Camper-Wozniak, John Serrano, Clayton Welch, Ernie Gesell, Christian Anderson.

GUESTS: Duane Shockey, Mike McKenna, Ed Watson, Craig Johnston, Charles Simmons, Bob Golo, Al Boyce, Gary Mullen, Andrew Killion, Gordon Hughes, Rich Martindell, John Betesewski, Jimmy Kennedy, Kevin Roche, Donna Ryan, Kirk Steele, Scott Kurowski, Jeff Field, Dan Agre, Tom Story, Gordon Nesbitt, Vic Moore, Harry Kelly, Chuck Lerman, Michael Koenig, Grant Murray, Glenn Ray, David Hand, Bob Johnson, Greg Rose, David Friedman, Paul Kortopates, John Alley, Larry Rothrock, Billy Davis, Gerald Blank, Carmen Brock, Gary Dean, J.J. Klein, Reuven Silberman, Gordon Gerber, Bob Agrese, Gustave Schwartz, Jim Moore, Bob Basso, John Barnes, Thomas Burton, Henry Sickles, Dale Smith, Barbara Murray, Leroy Shigley, Diana Purcell, Steve Sander, Jareb Mirzak, Eddie Meyer, William Barnes, Geraldo Gomez, Malcom Murray, Elizabeth Murray, Carlos Popov, John Proctor, Ron Cozad, R.S. Ryan, Gary Valdez, Ron Currie, Kent Casady, Ron Miller, Rip Sessions.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2007 regular meeting were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Ed Watson said he flies a Bonanza under IFR on a regular basis and he believes the top two floors of the Sunroad building should not be allowed.

4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT

Mike Tussey reported that the Kearny Mesa Planning Group had selected Buzz Gibbs as their representative on the Committee for the next four year term. Mr. Tussey thanked Buzz Gibbs for his past service to the Committee.

Mr. Tussey announced that Rick Beach would serve on the Brown Field RFQ Committee.

Five Year CIP: Mr. Tussey reported that the CIP for the next five years will focus on runway and taxiway repair. Work will begin in about 60 days on airfield surface repairs using airport enterprise funds. A sub-committee of the AAC has submitted a list of CIP priorities for the next ten years. He said the southwest corner of Montgomery Field would be considered as an addition to the list if it was not developed by a private enterprise.

Montgomery Field

Airport Manager Ernie Gesell briefed the Committee on a recent aircraft mishap that resulted in serious pilot injuries. Another incident involved an apparent intentional spill of hydrocarbon contaminant on the National Air leasehold. Airport operations personnel responded to both incidents.

The work on the blast pad for Runway 28L is expected to begin in about 2 weeks.

An environmental constraints report is being prepared for the western part of Montgomery Field. A recent court ruling on the City's vernal pool protection program is delaying a number of projects.

The vernal pool restoration work is expected to begin in mid March.

Brown Field

Phase I of the electrical upgrade will begin in about two weeks. Mr. Tussey expects an FAA grant for an additional \$2 million for Phase II of the project.

Work on the fence on the north side of the airport will begin in about two weeks.

Approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 in Airport Enterprise funds will be used to begin repair on the first 1,800 feet of Runway 26R.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Regarding last month's election of Committee Officers, Deputy City Attorney John Serrano stated that the Committee bylaws require that the written ballots from the election be kept as a part of the minutes. The written ballots from the January meeting were not saved. A recount of votes was taken by a show of hands. In the nomination of Committee Chair, Rick Beach received 2 votes, Buzz Fink received 7 votes, and two members (Beach and Fink) abstained from voting. Buzz Fink was nominated as Chair. Rick Beach was elected vice chair at the January meeting.

Sunroad Office Building

Rick Beach presented a computerized graphic of how the Sunroad building will affect the circling approach to Runway 10L at Montgomery Field. He also explained the factors that were considered in the determination of air navigation hazard by the FAA. The actual height of the building has not been conclusively determined, but may be higher than the 180 feet that Sunroad claims.

Tom Story, of Sunroad Development, said that the FAA has yet to notify the City that Montgomery Field is unsafe for air operations. Sunroad has asked the City to request that the FAA raise the circling approach minimums by 20 feet. Mr. Story also said the latest information available puts the height of the building at 179 feet, 3 and ¾ inches above the ground. Sunroad has indicated to the City that the remaining two buildings will not exceed the height of the present building unless the hazard issue can be resolved. Mr. Story said the City's Development Services Department issued the building permit knowing that a hazard determination had been made.

Mr. Story responded to a number of questions from the public regarding the building. When asked what the cost of reducing the height of the building would be, he responded that the cost of deconstructing, reconstruction and loss of rent is now \$40 million and rising. Mr. Story noted that Sunroad would support a straight in approach to Runway 10L that eliminate the need for a circling approach. Mr. Story stated that Sunroad has filed a countersuit against the City following the City Attorneys claim against Sunroad.

Jim Waring, Deputy Chief of Land Use and Economic Development for the City presented the City's perspective on airport related land use issues. Mr. Waring stated that the City will not process any building plans that violate the provisions of FAR Part 77. He also stated that there are no covert plans to change Montgomery Field in any way.

Flattop and Marigold

Chuck McGill reported for the subcommittee studying the Flattop and Marigold tie down area. He distributed a CD with information regarding the subcommittee's work. He asked that the Committee members review the information and provide comments to him within two weeks.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A report on the AOPA watch program has been deferred until the next meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reuven Silberman asked if Crown Air had been sold. Kevin O'Donnell responded that the business had been sold to the organization that operates Million Air FBO at Long Beach, Hawthorne and Oxnard. Mr. O'Donnell introduced one of the new owners, Mr. Grant Murray, who was present.

A question was asked about the status of the Gibbs Flying Service lease. Mike Tussey responded that a draft interim lease was being reviewed.

Buzz Gibbs announced that Mayor Sanders will conduct a Community Forum at Clairemont High School on February 20, at 6 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Montgomery Field on March 13 at 3:00 p.m.

9. ACTIONS:

A recount of votes for Chair and Vice Chair was taken by a show of hands. In the nomination of Committee Chair, Rick Beach received 2 votes, Buzz Fink received 7 votes, and two members (Beach and Fink) abstained from voting. Buzz Fink was nominated as Chair. Rick Beach was elected vice chair at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price

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